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PLOWING & BILLING NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

Hello SPO Members,

Enclosed is your invoice for SPO dues through Sept. 30, 2012, again no increase. Also on the invoice is the plowing agreement subscriber fee for winter 11/12 if you received SPO plowing in the past. The fee is \$20.00 per residence and will be returned as a credit against actual plowing cost. If you have been billed for the fee, two copies of your subscriber agreement are included. Please sign one and return with your payment by October 15. Should you have any questions call Kent Lawson at 509-993-0317 or Bill Alexander at 208-265-0270. You can also go to the SPO web-site and review the agreement. Wood's Crushing and Hauling will again do our plowing at rates essentially the same as last year. The long range forecast for our area this winter is a weak La Nina, colder with more than normal snow but not as good as last year.

Any member who has not received plowing in the past and would like to join our program needs to contact Kent or Bill ASAP so we can get you signed up.

SRD will again be using Wood's to plow most of the sub-roads and they have agreed to pay for half of the plowing coordinators cost. This saves SPO \$3000 and we thank them.

A few reminders for the plowing program:

- Marking of obstructions in your plowing area is always a concern. Please do not be complacent; damage to unmarked obstructions is not covered by our agreement. If you would like marking service, Wood's will provide it for a fee; call 208-263-4800.

- If you have a fire hydrant on your property, it needs to be marked and Wood's will keep it clear at your expense per our agreement; this does not include hydrants in the public right of way. You can clear the hydrant yourself but this must be called out in the plowing manual and actually done. Call Chief Newton for marking help, 208-255-4907.

- Please check your property's instructions in the plowing manual at the SPO web-site and send any changes or additions to Kent at kent@seedplan.com, especially any special instructions regarding fire hydrants or other obstructions. He will post the updated manual to the web-site during November and provide it to Wood's. The manual is your best vehicle for communicating with the operators on just how you wish to be plowed.

- If you do not wish to be plowed after the Resort closes, note on your calendar for early April 2012 that you need to call Kent and tell him so or you will be plowed up to April 30. Alternatively, you can put the instruction in the plowing manual but this also means calling or emailing Kent.

Other news:

- Bill Alexander has been working with Mel Bailey, Steve Elgar, Don Hutton, the Resort, and Bonner County on a year round, paved and fenced transfer station next to the Fire Station for our garbage. A detailed plan has been submitted to the County Commissioners for approval and we are waiting for their action. The basic concept is that the SMR community will build the station and the

County would fund its maintenance (fire station personnel) and trash pickup and disposal by Waste Management. The hope is to have it ready by 11/15/11 but that may be optimistic.

-A plan for emergency plowing in October and May is being developed for heavy snow years based on what happened at the end of last season. More details will be e-blasted when it is done but, if you need help in October, call Kent.

-A new Ski Access Trail return to the Chapel Junction area is being proposed. Four properties will be involved. The Chapel, SMR, and SPO (on behalf of additions 1 and 2 common property) have agreed in principle to the new trail. After all involved properties have approved the project work will begin. The SRD board has agreed to pay for required brushing and minor tree removal and SMR has committed to grooming at least the top portion of the trail on a trial basis.

-The board approved a \$3000 contribution to the Selkirk Pend Oreille Transit along with contributions from the Resort, SRD and SMCA to provide enhanced bus service to the Red Barn from the Sandpoint Area and up the mountain during the ski season. We will be asking the members for input on the value of this service at the annual meeting and at season end. There will be more info on this in an e-blast once the details are determined. The funds contributed are for matching grant funds. We got the money from the money saved on the plowing coordinators agreement.

-As of the August SRD meeting there was \$213K on hand. At the August meeting a capital expense fund of \$100K was established to pay for major road repair & rework. The board also authorized paving the last section of Ullr this month. The remaining funds will be available for approved trail work, the free shuttle, and plowing the sub-roads. The neat looking flowers at the chicken foot fountain were planted by Kim Loosemore. Thanks Kim.

-SPO did not organize a cooperative neighbor noxious weed spraying project this past summer as the program can only be used 2 years out of 5. SPO will sponsor this rebate program for property owners again next summer.

-Save Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 3:00 PM for SPO's sixth annual meeting.

We will end the year with 561 members, down 42 from the previous year. Our strength is in our numbers so please encourage your neighbors to join us. Membership applications are on the web-site.

Heads of associations, please forward this newsletter to your owners; it will also be posted to the web-site and emailed out. If you are not receiving email from SPO, we do not have a current address in our database and you should send your email address to SchweitzerPropertyOwners@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Your SPO Board

Bill Alexander, Mel Bailey, Roger Bosley, Ev Coulter, Jill Garrett, Lyle Hemingway, Bob Landwehr, Kent Lawson, and John Oldfield